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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 38, 40 and 46 to read as follows. A marked-up copy
of these claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

38. (Amended) A recombinant DNA obtained by inserting a DNA
according to any one of claims 1-4, 35 and 36 into a vector.

40. (Amended) A process for the preparation of a protein which comprises
culturing the transformant according to claim 39 in a culture medium, causing the protein